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	<i>Filing Date</i>	March 11, 2002
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Hiroshi Takagi
	<i>Art Unit</i>	3763
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	R. Ghafoorian
	<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	03404/000K343-US0

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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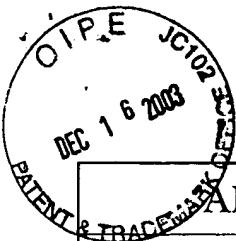
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Applicant(s): Hiroshi Takagi, et al.

Invention: SAFETY INDWELLING NEEDLE

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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